

# Board of Recreation Commissioners

Egg Harbor Township, NJ

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2021

7:00pm

### Call to Order

Chairperson Rispoli called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed Cameron Bell to the Recreation Commission.

### Statement Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act

The statement was ready by Chairperson Rispoli.

### Roll Call

Roll call showed members 8 present and 1 absent.

Charles Gallagher	Present	Paul Trinkle	Excused absence
Christine Gras	Present	William Warrell, Vice Chair	Present
Toni-Lynn Rispoli, Chairperson	Present	Paul Weldon	Present
Amy Smith	Present	Stan Russ, Alternate #1	Present
		Cameron Bell, Alternate #2	Present

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Laura Pfrommer and Township Committeeman Ray Ellis

### Reading / Acceptance of Minutes

<b>Motion</b>	<b>To approve April 14, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as presented.</b> Motion made by Commissioner Gras Seconded by Commissioner Warrell
<b>Vote</b>	Motion carried 6-0-2 Gallagher, Gras, Rispoli, Russ, Smith, Warrell Bell and Weldon abstained.

### EHT Recognized Youth Groups

**BMX**- Steve Adams Summit Avenue, EHT. President Adams indicated that their opening race was their largest in history. EHTBMX has raised over \$120,000.00 for the Leukemia Foundation, at their Race for Life. Ryland Bricker an EHT rider raised \$100,000.00 and was featured in the Press. The next fundraiser focus is on NJ Cares, wherein the proceeds go to the Troops. Commissioner Weldon suggested that a Township proclamation is in order for Ryland Bricker. Deputy Mayor Pfrommer agreed. Steve was advised to gather information on Ryland and to fill out the form, which can be found on the ehtgov.org website.

June 5, 2021 in the Pro/Am race. A prerace clinic with the Pros will start at 10:00 a.m. and is limited to 60 riders. The Pro/Am race begins at 2:30 p.m. It is estimated that 1,500 riders and their families will attend the event. Steve asked whether they could erect tents if the need arose. BMX will handle all set up and clean up. Chairperson Rispoli advised him to contact the Recreation Department for permission to put up tents.

The ongoing problem with parking between Street Hockey and BMX is being addressed. Township committeeman Ellis and President Adams have had several conversations regarding parking issues. It is anticipated that BMX and Street Hockey will share the lot. Deputy Mayor Pfrommer suggested that the lot be used by BMX staff/volunteers to minimize increased traffic flow to the lot. Vice Chair Warrell stated that the lot belongs to the organization who is operating the stand.

President Adams mentioned speaking with Township Committeeman Ellis regarding lights in the back parking lot. Steve indicated that if the Township would install the poles, BMX would install the lighting.

**Public Portion** was opened at 7:25pm by Chairperson Rispoli.

Beverly and Ray Kelly- Essex Drive, addressed the commission with their concerns over the use of the Basketball courts at Delilah Oaks. Ray provided Chairperson Rispoli with a letter and information he felt was pertinent to his plight. Their house is approximately 50 feet from the court. The loud music and ball playing after sundown is distressing to them. They are aware that the court needs to be resurfaced. The Kelly's have spoken to the EHT Police Chief about their concerns. The EHT Police Department is contacted whenever the courts are used after sundown and the music is loud. However, it could take hours before an officer arrives and the basketball players are gone. The Kelly's are requesting either fencing or a noise barrier be installed along the court to block the loud music. They would also like to see a change to the hours the court may be used.

Chairperson Rispoli stated that she felt high fencing or bushes all around the court might present a problem for the Police who are called out there regularly. Commissioner Smith asked what the Kelly's were asking the Commission to do. They responded that they would be happy with noise barriers as a start. Commissioner Weldon suggested that the commission discuss ending the basketball court time at 6:00 p.m. to coincide with Pickleball. Deputy Mayor Pfrommer had concerns with changing it from sundown to 6:00 p.m. as there are neighborhood families that may want to use the courts in the Summer, too. She agrees that noise late at night is not acceptable. Laura suggested that some type of noise barrier be constructed when the courts are resurfaced. Laura suggested that the Recreation Department, Township Committee and the Chief of Police converse about what would be safe and effective.

**Public portion was closed at 7:50 p.m.**

**Old Business**

**Use of Parks Facility Requests**

**NABA Baseball Tournament**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>To approve NABA field use of Bargaintown Baseball Field on May 29-30. 8 am-6pm.</b> Motion made by Commissioner Weldon Seconded by Commissioner Gras
<b>Vote</b>	Motion carried 7-0 Gallagher, Gras, Rispoli, Russ, Smith, Warrell, Weldon

**EHT Public Works**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>To approve Public Works Request for all parks on 6/26/21 for park clean up</b> Motion made by Vice Chairperson Warrell Seconded by Commissioner Gras
<b>Vote</b>	Motion carried 7-0 Gallagher, Gras, Rispoli, Russ, Smith, Warrell, Weldon

## EHT Seahawks Swimming

<b>Motion</b>	<b>To approve EHT Seahawks use of Amphitheater on 6/27 with a rain date of 7/11 for outdoor banquet in the evening hours.</b> Motion made by Commissioner Gras Seconded by Vice Chairperson Warrell
<b>Vote</b>	Motion carried 7-0 Gallagher, Gras, Rispoli, Russ, Smith, Warrell, Weldon

## EHTHS Boys Soccer

<b>Motion</b>	<b>To approve EHTHS Boys Soccer Team use of Amphitheater/picnic area for outdoor banquet on 6/6 with a rain date 6/13.</b> Motion made by Vice Chairperson Warrell Seconded by Commissioner Bell
<b>Vote</b>	Motion carried 7-0 Gallagher, Gras, Rispoli, Russ, Smith, Warrell, Weldon

## South Shore Softball 23U

<b>Motion</b>	<b>To approve South Shore Softball U23 league use of Childs Kirk Memorial Park field 1 on Wednesdays from 6-10 pm. 6/2-8/4.</b> Motion made by Commissioner Weldon Seconded by Commissioner Gras
<b>Vote</b>	Motion carried 7-0 Gallagher, Gras, Rispoli, Russ, Smith, Warrell, Weldon

## Directors Report

Director Audet provided an email that addressed the following items:

- a. David Sonnie. The commission received a copy of the letter that was sent to Mr. Sonnie and the Softball Board. It was sent certified and the card was returned and filed in the recreation office. There is no other information that Mr. Sonnie has been on the fields since the letter was sent.
- b. Spring Craft Fair. Cassie and Dena did a great job with this event and it was successful.
- c. Summer Programs and Registration. Summer programs and registration are posted on the recreation website. Registration begins May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Mayors Wellness Campaign. The campaign is hosting a walk and talk with Committee on Thursday evenings. These will take place in the parks. If more information is needed it can be sent out. Members of the Commission are encouraged to join in.
- e. Bargaintown Park Fitness. The equipment has been installed and is open for the public.
- f. Delilah Oaks Park. Engineering and planning of the basketball court capital project has begun. Director Audet suggests that the Commission hold off on three other projects (CKMP Field 1 dugouts, Vets Park LAX field posts/netting, and stand cameras) until the costs on the MK Betterment project are received. The cameras may be able to be handled under the Recreation operating budget. Site borings at the MK site showed a lot of clay in the retention basin. This is bad news and will result in higher costs for this project.
- g. Recreation Improvement Grant. Chairperson Rispoli will discuss this grant in Director Audet's absence. Director Audet will present a plan and ask for support from Township Committee next week. That discussion will be based on what the commission decides tonight. Director Audet suggested improving our field conditions and a turf field. Public Works is attempting to improve their operations as well and we still have the green acres grant to tie into this grant for additional funding. We do not need to do any previously discussed projects and can create a new approach should the commission like to see something differently. The grant cannot be used for the MK Betterment site as it cannot be supplemented with a funded project.

## New Business

### Liaison reports

**EHT Baseball Association:** Commissioner Trinkle sent Rispoli an email. Commissioner Trinkle advised that All Star coaches were voted on and approved. All coaches ran unopposed and all-star registration fees were set. The district all-star tournament will begin the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. Father's Day tournament planning has started. A discussion was had about the use of food trucks at the tournament. They were asked to make sure all trucks had all insurances, board of health certificates and mercantile licenses through the township. They also discussed a field maintenance crew.

**EHT Travel Basketball:** Commissioner Gallagher attended the meeting. President Kraybill has stepped down. Vice President Brown is filling the position.

**EHT Youth Organization:** Commissioner Gras requested that YO President Madamba clarify the members of the YO board. Dorothy stated that three board members resigned and the spots have not yet been filled. The positions of snack stand coordinator and booster coordinator are open. YO is looking to eliminate four board positions. Chasity Branca asked why the Commission wanted the YO board reduced. She stated that they need as much help as they can get. Chairperson Rispoli responded that when YO was directed to one league, there was no reason for two Football and Cheer coordinators. Vice Chair Warrell suggested making the stand and booster coordinators voluntary positions, as opposed to board seats. Commissioner Gras agreed that eleven board members was a reasonable number.

**BMX/Street Hockey:** Commissioner Smith was unable to attend either meeting. However, she is in contact with both organizations. They are aware that all Board members and Coaches must complete the KidSafe procedures. She is aware of the parking lot conflict. Amy will contact BMX with regard to questions regarding the purse for the Pro/Am.

**EHT Lacrosse Association:** Vice Chair Warrell reported that the spring season is going well. Upcoming raffle fundraiser is underway. Lacrosse is moving forward with their end of season tournament.

**EHT Youth Softball:** Commissioner Weldon was unable to make their meeting. There has been no further incident with regard to the certified letter. Board member and coaching staff are updating their fingerprinting and member lists.

**EHT Jr. Wrestling:** Commissioner Bell was assigned as Wrestling's liaison.

### Correspondence

The following items were turned in and are attached to the minutes.

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| a. | Minutes EHT Soccer Club     | March 11, 2021                                  |                |
| b. | Minutes EHT Baseball Assoc. | April 15, 2021                                  |                |
| c. | Minutes EHT BMX             | April 22, 2021                                  |                |
| d. | Minutes EHT Youth Softball  | March 29, 2021                                  |                |
| e. | Schedules                   | EHT Youth Softball                              |                |
| f. | Bd. Members                 | EHT Soccer Club                                 |                |
| g. | Rosters (Rec)               | EHT Soccer Club                                 |                |
| h. | Coaches (Rec)               | EHT Soccer Club                                 |                |
| i. | Schedules                   | EHT Soccer Club <small>(Rec/Intramural)</small> |                |
| j. | Financials                  | EHT Soccer Club                                 | March 31, 2021 |
| k. | Rosters                     | EHT Baseball Assoc.                             |                |
| l. | Financials                  | EHT Lacrosse Assoc.                             | May 6, 2021    |

Chairperson Rispoli reviewed all of the organization's minutes. Recreation Soccer has two players rostered that are not residents of EHT. She asked Stan to speak to the Soccer president to determine the residency of the two individuals. Also, to remind the president that out-of-town coaches must be approved each year.

Baseball's minutes indicated that they were paying an individual a stipend to run their stand. Toni will ask Paul Trinkle to confirm that she will receive a 1099 from EHTBA.

Commissioners Weldon and Gras spoke of the deplorable condition of the Bargaintown soccer fields. Commissioner Weldon indicated that Director Audet and Public Works have discussed the condition of the Bargaintown fields. Paul advised that no plan of action to correct the fields have been established. Deputy Mayor Pfrommer suggested that someone from the Recreation Commission attend the Township Committee meeting on May 19, 2021 to bring the problem to light. Commissioner Weldon said that he would attend. Rispoli and Gras said they would too.

### Tabled Matters

#### Public Portion was re-opened at 8:55 p.m.

Michelle Chisko from Lacrosse addressed the Commission. She indicated that EHTLA had their end of year barbeque scheduled on June 5, 2021. However, EHTYO was holding a Flag Football tournament on June 5 and 6. She wanted to know who gave approval for YO to use the lacrosse fields when Lacrosse had a Use of Facility until June 30, 2021. Chairperson Rispoli advised that Lacrosse President Olsen and Chasity Branca determined that YO's Use of Facility for June 5 and 6 would not interfere with Lacrosse. Chasity Branca showed Michelle a dialogue between John and herself, wherein indicating the dates were good. Director Audet apologized, via Rispoli, regarding his oversight on the dates. Rick offered Lacrosse an alternative location to hold their end of the year banquet. Although this was an unfortunate oversight on field usage and approval, the Recreation Commission would not rescind YO's use of facility for June 5 and 6, 2021.

Chasity Branca expressed concern regarding EHT Recreation Department and PAL running a Flag Football program that overlapped three weeks of YO's season. Chairperson Rispoli obtained the Recreation Program. It was determined that three Thursday nights overlapped with YO Football. The Rec program is to be held at Canale Park and would not be changed. It was suggested that YO work around the three dates in question.

### Adjournment

<b>Motion</b>	<b>To approve adjourn the meeting at 9:24 pm</b> Motion made by Commissioner Gras Seconded by Commissioner Bell
<b>Vote</b>	Motion carried 7-0 Gallagher, Gras, Rispoli, Russ, Smith, Warrell, Weldon and Bell.

*Minutes as heard by, EHT Recreation Commissioner Smith and Chairperson Rispoli*

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Toni-Lynn Rispoli, Chairperson

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Amy Smith, Commissioner